WELL HERE GOES NOTHING.

HELLO?

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I CAN'T BELIEVE RAE BROKE HER PROMISE
WELL, SHE SAYS THAT TECHNICALLY SHE DIDN'T?
though I don't know why I'm defending her

SHE CAN'T JUST DECIDE SHE KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR ME.
THAT'S NOT FAI-

ISN'T THAT WHAT I'M DOING TO AUSTEN?

HAVEN'T I DECIDED THAT I KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR HER?

BUT I'M JUST WAITING A BIT BEFORE TALKING TO HER ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S MY CHOICE TO MAKE.

RAE MEDDLED WITH MY LIFE AFTER I SPECIFICALLY ASKED HER NOT TO.

THAT'S DIFFERENT, ISN'T IT?

OF COURSE, RAE'S KNOWN ME FOR MUCH LONGER THAN I'VE KNOWN AUSTEN.

THAT'S DIFFERENT TOO.

I THINK I'M ONLY ALLOWED TO BE ANGRY AT RAE IF I'M ALSO ANGRY AT MYSELF.

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HEY, WHY AREN'T YOU ANGRY?
YOU SHOULD BE FURIOUS.
WHY? I'M HAVING A LOVELY WEEK.
I GOT MY DATABASE ASSIGNMENT BACK AND I DID GREAT!

ALSO I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON.
RAE WAS VERY VAGUE
AND YOUR MUM WOULDN'T SAY A THING.

WELL, SHE DID SAY SHE'D DONE ENOUGH HELICOPTER PARENTING FOR ONE DAY?
THEN SHE CHATTED ABOUT HER RESEARCH AND HUGGED ME A FEW TIMES.
she's very friendly, your mum
AH. I SEE.

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD TELL YOU ABOI'
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

IF YOU NEED TO SORT OUT YOUR CAREER ON YOUR OWN I UNDERSTAND.

obviously your career is about you, not me

BUT I PROMISED.
I PROMISED YOU NO MORE SECRETS.

OH- OH YEAH!

. . . I FORGOT

LOOK, SUNATI I'M SORRY, I SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE YOU PROMISE THAT.

it was kind of emotionally manipulative?

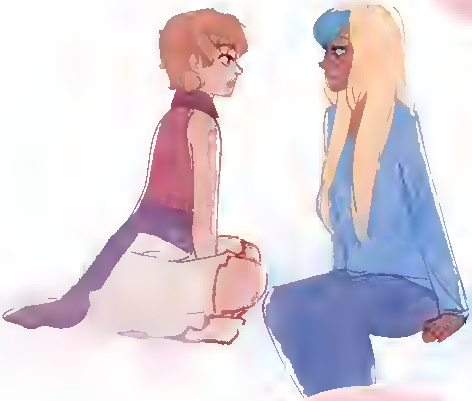
I'M NOT YOUR KEEPER AND YOU'RE NOT OBLIGED TO TELL ME EVERYTHING.

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO DEMAND ANSWERS, OKAY?
YOU'RE MY GIRLFRIEND AND I TRUST YOU.

I JUST-
I WANTED TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU CAN TALK TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING.

RAE SAID YOU'RE WORRIED THAT IF YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT THIS -WHATEVER IT IS- YOU MIGHT HURT ME.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT, OKAY?
I'LL BE FINE.
I KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE BURDENING PEOPLE,
AND I KNOW

I CAN BE DIFFICULT,



BUT IF YOU NEED TO TALK-

THEN NO MATTER WHAT THIS IS ABOUT-

I'LL FIND A WAY TO HANLDE IT.

so if you've got an overseas job offer or something we'll work it out, don't worry

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR ME WHEN I NEED YOU.
SO DON'T FORGET THAT I'M HERE FOR YOU TOO.

BUT HONESTLY, I'M NOT TRYING TO PRESSURE YOU.
I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID WE DON'T HAVE TO TALK.
IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS CHOICE ON YOUR OWN I'LL JUST TURN AROUND AND LEAVE
MAYBE YOUR MUM WILL SHOW ME THE GIANT JELLYFISH ON THE WAY OUT? THAT SOUNDS COOL.

I WAS SO SURE I WAS DOING THE RIGHT THING.

BUT AUSTEN TRUSTS ME.

SHE TRUSTS ME TO MAKE MY OWN CHOICES.

CAN I TALK TO YOU NOW?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

SO I'M GOING TO TRUST HER WHEN SHE SAYS THAT SHE'LL BE FINE.

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